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## A Busy God

(By John Young.)

"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father...... But the very hairs of your head are all numbered."—MATTHEW X. 29, 30.

Whilst the Lord was busy watching cheeky sparrows, small and big.

Softly chirping feathered gossip as they hopped from twig to twig,

Whilst he watched them with attention, listening to their voices sweet,

He ignored the fact that Smithers died of having naught to eat.

Said the Lord, "'Twas rough on Smithers,

But the poor are always with us,

And their prayers are most annoying—they're a nuisance, one and all;

When I'm gazing on my birdies

None of their petitions heard is:

I must watch my darling dickies lest they topple o'er and fall."

Whilst the Lord was busy counting every hair on Tommy's pate

(Why he sought to know the number heavenly records do not state).

He was told that certain creatures, worshippers of Christ on earth.

Were despatching one another—yea, for all that they were worth.

Said the Lord, "I really oughter

Stop this sanguinary slaughter,

For I know the gentle Christian when he starts a-seeing red:

It behooves me, then, to mention

That I'll give my best attention

To the matter when I've counted all the hairs on every head.

When my 'worms' have all abandoned every trace of thatch on top,

When the sparrows need no 'Father' to attend them on the hop,

Then I'll see all wrongs are righted, then I'll conquer death and hell.

Now possess your souls in patience.....I am Yahveh! All is well!"

Said the people, "Wily Father,

We have heard thee, and we'd rather

Have a grain of good at present than a ton when ends thy task.

We your Godship hate to worry,

But, you see, we're in a hurry-

No more yarns of what you will do; deeds, not words, are what we ask!"

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